

RUSSIA'S ACTION IS DEEMED ILLEGAL

PARKER WILL BE FIRST

AND THERE WILL BE NO SECOND OR THIRD—SO THINKS NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN THOMAS TAGGART.

ALL THE WESTERN STATES WILL FALL IN LINE FOLLOWING INDIANA'S LEAD—BRYAN WILL BE REGULAR.

NEW YORK, May 25.—National Committeeman Thomas Taggart, of Indiana, arrived in town yesterday to look over the Democratic situation in this State.

He will see all the prominent Democratic leaders and will make arrangements for pushing the Parker boom in Indiana. Mr. Taggart declared that the fight for the Democratic Presidential nomination was practically ended. Mr. Taggart said:

"It is as certain as anything can be in politics that Parker will be nominated at St. Louis. The trouble will be all over before the convention is called to order. Parker will be first and there will be no second or third. Indiana is instructed for him and all the Western States will fall in behind."

"What will Mr. Bryan do?"
"Bryan will make his fight in the convention and when he is beaten he will fall in line with the majority. He has always stood for regularity and he cannot afford to be irregular now."

B. & N. DIRECTOR

WAS SEEN TO-DAY AND TALKED TO A WEST VIRGINIAN REPORTER CONCERNING THE RESUMPTION OF WORK.

E. D. Fulton, of Uniontown, is in the city to-day.

Mr. Fulton is a director of the Buckhannon and Northern, and when seen at the Tavern at noon by a reporter, said:

"We have heard nothing definite as to the resumption of work in this State, although Mr. Ramsey promises information shortly. I saw Mr. Blair in Pittsburg Monday, but he has no orders."

When asked if the visit of Messrs. Gould and Ramsey had any bearing on the B. & N., Mr. Fulton replied: "I do not think so; it is merely a trip to inspect the Pittsburg terminals of their roads. They were not contemplating a trip through this section, although it is possible that they may make such a visit."

Four Men Drowned.

SALT LAKE, May 25.—Four men were drowned in the Payette river near Garden Valley, Idaho, yesterday by the overturning of a boat in which they attempted to shoot the Rapids. No bodies have yet been recovered. All were timber men in charge of log drive.

Dog Run Over.

A dog belonging to a colored family in the Fifth ward, was run over by a street car last evening. Two of the poor animal's legs were cut off and it had to be killed.

TOWN DESTROYED BY FIRE.

JACKSON, Miss., May 25.—The whole of the business section of Yazoo City is wiped out. One hundred and twenty-five buildings were destroyed, including the opera house, city hall, four churches, and every bank in town. The loss is estimated at \$2,225,000. The Jackson fire department arrived on a special train, making the trip, forty-five miles, in forty minutes.

Mayor Holmes and citizens were seriously injured during the conflagration.



The South American Concert.

CLARKSBURG

Firm Is Awarded the Contract For the Construction of the Handsome New Bank Building to Be Built By Grafton Banking and Trust Company.

CLARKSBURG, May 25.—The contracting firm of Elliott & Winchell, of this city, has been awarded the contract for the construction of the handsome new bank and office building to be erected by the Grafton Banking and Trust Company. Architect E. C. S. Holmboe, of the firm of Holmboe & Lafferty, of this city, who have the contract for the architectural work on the building, and Mr. Winchell, of the Elliott & Winchell Company, went to Grafton Tuesday morning to be present at a meeting of the directors of the bank to award the contract. Word received from them at three o'clock on Tuesday afternoon conveys the information that Elliott & Winchell were the successful bidders. The building to be erected will cost \$65,000, and will be one of the handsomest of its size in that section.

THE SEASONS

WELL REPRESENTED IN A DEED RECENTLY RECORDED—HAD QUEER EFFECT ON REPORTER.

A deed was recorded in the county clerk's office a few days ago which was somewhat of a mixing of the seasons. While reading it over we first became hot, then cold and then we were out in the green fields plucking flowers. The deed read: "Between J. E. Summer and M. A. Winter, formerly M. A. Summer and G. W. Winter, her husband, of the first part, and Nancy S. Spring, and J. H. Spring, of the second part."

The deed was made in the autumn, which makes the four seasons.

C. L. St. Clair and C. D. Howard are Morgantown people at the Tavern to-day.

SOLDIERS MAY BE CALLED

UPON AND PERHAPS BE BADLY NEEDED FOR THE PROTECTION AND DEFENSE OF THE FLAG.

ADJUTANT GENERAL BELL HAS ISSUED ORDERS CONCERNING MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES.

DENVER, Col., May 25.—Adjutant General Bell has issued orders for the State Guard for Memorial Day, which he intends shall be generally observed. Members of the Guard are directed by General Bell to pay tribute to soldiers of the Civil and Spanish wars, and those on duty in the field are ordered to observe the day with due respect and appropriate ceremonies.

Abuse of the day by participating in games is expressly forbidden. In a general order, the adjutant general says among other things:

"The day will come, and may come soon too, when the survivors of the Civil war of both armies will be called and perhaps badly needed, together with every good, loyal and patriotic citizen for the protection and defense of the flag, together with the dignity and respectability of this State, the honesty and security of the ballot, the right of every citizen to cast his own ballot once and once only, both un molested and unprevented, to the end that the laws are rigidly enforced and observed without fear or favor. Rebellion, insurrection, anarchy, socialism, threats of intimidation, assassinations, strikes and bribery are not included in this prosperous country of ours through a class of un-American outlaws, including professional politicians and agitators."

PROGRAM

For Adelphia Literary Society to Be Given To-morrow Evening.

The Adelphia Literary Society will render its first program to-morrow evening, May 26, at eight o'clock. This society was organized a few weeks ago by Miss Woods, the instructor in stenography at the Elliott school. The meeting will be held in the school's rooms at the corner of Fairmont avenue and First street. The program promises to be good and the public is cordially invited. The following is a copy of the program:

Song—Society.
Welcome address—E. B. Harden.
Music—Graphophone.
Biography—John Santee.
Debate—To affirm, R. L. Mason and H. H. Hale; to deny, Carney Carpenter and Mr. Mathews.
Question for Debate: Resolved, That Russia is justifiable in the war against Japan.
Music—Messrs. Gattrell and Hertzog.
Essay—Miss Jessie Matheny.
Music—Graphophone.
Query Box.

CLOSING ARGUMENT

In the Tyner-Barrett Case Was Made To-day.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—The closing argument for the defense in the Tyner-Barrett Postoffice conspiracy case was made this morning by Attorney A. S. Worthington. He will be followed this afternoon by Holmes Conrad for the Government and the case is expected to go to the jury before the adjournment of court. A large crowd was present at the trial to-day.

At Second Ward Building.

The first of the State uniform examinations this year will be held at the Second ward school building in this city, to-morrow and Friday. Several teachers will be here to take the examination.

J. T. Koen, of Mannington, is in town.

RENDERS NAVIGATION DANGEROUS TO ALL

THOMAS E. HOLLAND, PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND DIPLOMACY, AT OXFORD, ENGLAND, JOHN BARRETT MOORE, SECRETARY OF THE PARIS PEACE COMMISSION AND THEODORE S. WOOLSEY, ALL DECIDE AGAINST THE CZAR.

MINES DELIBERATELY FLOATED INTO WATERS WHERE THEY WOULD ENDANGER NEUTRAL SHIPS WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE ILLEGITIMATE—RUSSIA STANDS IN BAD LIGHT BEFORE OTHER NATIONS.

TWO MEN HURT IN RUNAWAY

GREAT EXCITEMENT PREVAILED ON MAIN STREET LAST EVENING—TWO ITALIANS WERE SERIOUSLY INJURED.

A runaway which had its beginning on Fairmont avenue and its ending on Main street resulted disastrously for two Italians last evening about six o'clock.

Giuseppe Arimosa and John Stahdafer were driving down Fairmont avenue in a one-horse conveyance used to haul beer to the Italian lovers of the amber fluid around the mines in this vicinity.

The horse, which has a reputation for doing things of this kind, became unmanageable just above the South Side bridge and tore across that structure on a dead run.

In making the turn up Main street the seat on which the men were sitting became loose, and fell from the wagon, taking the men along. John Stahdafer struck the telephone pole at the corner of Main and Barney and was rendered unconscious.

The other man had his foot entangled in the lines and was dragged. The fire plug which stands a few feet farther up the street caught the wagon and held it, while the horse, dragging the man, ran up the sidewalk to Nuzum's store, a distance of one hundred feet.

Some men at this point, in attempting to stop the animal checked his speed somewhat, and the man's foot was released from the lines.

The horse ran to the Watson Hotel before he was caught.

Several bystanders picked the man up who was anchored to the telephone pole and carried him to Dr. Fitch's office, which is near the scene.

The man was still unconscious and was supposed to be badly hurt internally. He was removed to the Miners' Hospital, where he is doing nicely, but as his injuries are internal his condition is still uncertain.

The other man, Giuseppe, left a trail of blood from the corner to the place where he was released. Dr. Fitch also dressed his wounds, which consisted of cuts on the face and several bad bruises on different parts of his anatomy. The men were said to have been drinking heavily, which may in a measure account for the accident, yet the horse has a bad reputation, having attempted to run off on several occasions, last week nearly succeeding with the same two men on Locust avenue. The wagon was badly demolished.

CHINESE LABORERS

Take Advantage of Treaty and Go to South Africa.

HONG KONG, May 25.—The treaty signed several weeks ago in London by which Chinese labor is allowed to be imported into South Africa, went into actual operation to-day when the steamer Tweeddale sailed for the Transvaal with 1,600 Chinese aboard.

Died This Morning.

The fifteen months' old child of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Ruble, of Barnsville, died this morning of brain fever. The funeral arrangements have not been made yet.

Judge John B. Morrison, of Sutton, is in the city.

NEW YORK, May 25.—Opinions of authorities on international law which have just been secured show that the reported action of Russia in laying explosive mines outside her own waters and allowing them to drift promiscuously in the open sea is illegal.

Thomas E. Holland, Professor of International Law and Diplomacy at Oxford, England, says it is certain that no international usage sanctions the employment by one belligerent against another of mines with secret contrivances which would, without notice, render dangerous navigation of the high seas.

John Barrett Moore, who was Secretary and Counsel to the Peace Commission at Paris in 1898, is now Professor of International Law and Diplomacy at Columbia College, New York, declared if the mines were deliberately floated into waters where they would be liable to endanger neutral ships, the act was undoubtedly inadmissible.

Professor Theodore S. Woolsey, Professor of International Law at Yale, declares that in his judgment mines whether anchored or intentionally adrift beyond the coast sea limit, constitute an indiscriminating attack upon neutral and belligerent alike, and are therefore illegitimate.

HEAVY FIRING

Was Heard Near Port Arthur Yesterday—General Stoessel Has Robbed Banks.

CHEEFOO, May 25.—Heavy firing was heard near Port Arthur yesterday. As the Japanese fleet was not seen until this morning it is thought that a land attack occurred. Junks which have arrived here from Pitsewo to the north of Port Arthur, report that the Japanese are daily landing troops at Pitsewo.

It is also reported that temporary barracks have been erected by the Japanese on the Elliott Islands, off the Eastern Coast of Liao Tung, Peninsula, where hundreds of ships including men of war and transports are rendezvousing. Refugees from Dalny report that General Stoessel seized all the money in the Dalny and Port Arthur banks, and depositors are unable to cash any checks.

THE J. E. LEONARD

WILL RETURN TO FAIRMONT AND MAKE REGULAR TRIPS TO EAST FAIRMONT PARK.

Word was received from J. L. Devenney, who is in Pittsburg, that Captain J. E. Leonard will bring his boat of the same name back to Fairmont on next Saturday, and will make regular trips to East Fairmont Park at intervals of two hours, afternoon and evening. The boat will accommodate at least 300 persons comfortably, and what is better, Captain Klein, or any one else who signed that obnoxious petition, has nothing to do with this craft. Mr. Devenney will have the dancing pavillion ready for use Saturday, as well as several other attractions which he is arranging for at the smoky city.

THE WEATHER.

More Showers Promised.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—For West Virginia: Fair to night; Thursday, showers and cooler.